

Docket No.  
405507/0031  
LR:DLS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Yuichi Nishihara**

Group Art Unit: **2853**

Application No.: **10/518,528**

Examiner: **Stephen D. Meier**

Filed: **December 20, 2004**

Confirmation No.: **6784**

For: **EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES CONTAINER CAPABLE OF MEASURING  
RESIDUAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES**

Date: **August 8, 2006**

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant inquires as to the status of the subject application.

Although this application entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 nearly twenty months ago, on December 20, 2004, and the international filing date being February 4, 2004, no action on the merits has yet been received.

Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned be advised of the status of this application, and that all appropriate papers be sent thereto. Should there be any questions, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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